

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
WESTERN DIVISION**

John D. West, on Behalf of Himself  
and All Other Persons Similarly Situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

AK Steel Corporation Formerly ARMCO Inc.)  
Retirement Accumulation Pension Plan, a part of  
the AK Steel Corporation (Formerly ARMCO  
Inc.) Noncontributory Pension Plan, and

AK Steel Corporation Benefit Plans  
Administrative Committee,

Defendants

Case No.: C-1-02-0001

Judge: Hon. Sandra S. Beckwith

Magistrate Judge: Timothy S. Black

**DEFENDANTS' RESPONSE TO PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR COMPLETION  
OF THE RULE 23 CLASS NOTICE PROCESS PRIOR TO A RULING ON THE  
PENDING MOTIONS FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT ON THE ISSUE OF DAMAGES**

Defendants hereby notify the Court that they do not oppose plaintiffs' motion for completion of the class notice process prior to entry of a ruling on the pending cross-motions for summary judgment regarding the proper calculation of damages (docket entries 60 and 79).

Plaintiffs' counsel and defense counsel have exchanged drafts of a proposed class notice and hope to submit a joint proposed class notice and a recommended notice plan to the Court on or before Friday, April 8, 2005.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and accurate copy of foregoing was electronically filed with the Court and has been served by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid on Allen C. Engerman, Law Offices of Allen C. Engerman. P.C., 666 Dundee Road, No. 1200, Northbrook, IL 60062, and Thomas R. Theado, Gary, Naegele, & Theado, 446 Broadway Avenue, Lorain, OH 44052-1797, counsel for the plaintiff, on this 1st day of March, 2005.

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